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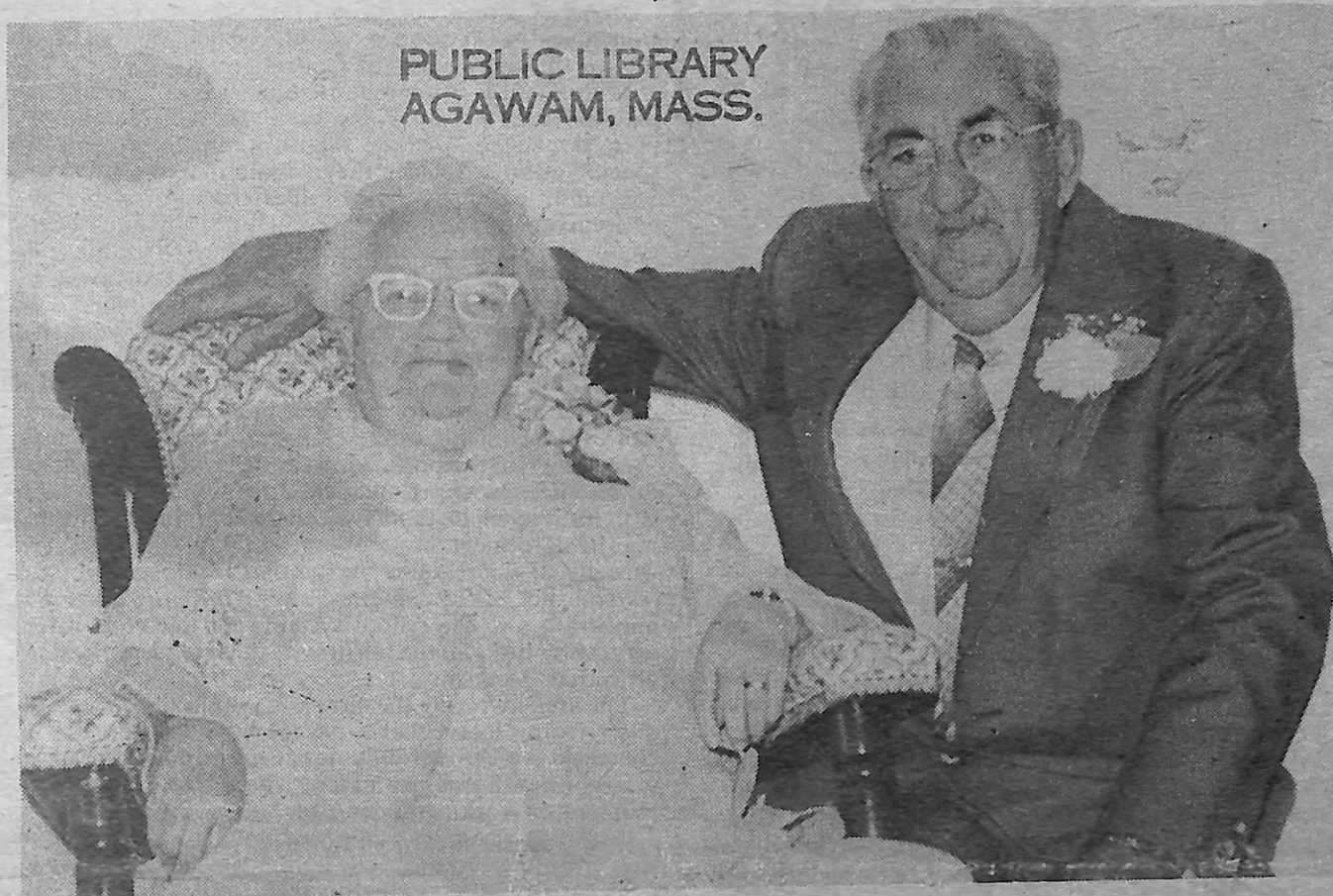
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## Tetrault's Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tetrault of Feeding Hills recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Ludlow Country Club. The Tetraults were married in Ware, Mass. on September 23, 1929. They have five children, including Mrs. Theresa Perusse of Agawam, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mr. Tetrault is a retired airway express employee. photo by GAL

## School Candidates Air Views At Public Forum

Eight School Committee candidates - five incumbents and three challengers - discussed, debated, and, at times, became embroiled in verbal exchanges over a wide variety of topics at the Robinson Park Elementary School cafeteria on Thursday, September 27.

### First Opportunity

The public forum, sponsored by the Robinson Park School Parent Teacher Organization, was the community's first opportunity to hear school board candidates air their views during the election campaign. Issues discussed ranged from drug abuse and vandalism to special education classes.

The evening's tone was established early when challenger Michael Thomas, a substitute teacher in the school system, claimed the incumbent board had allowed both the educational and disciplinary standards to falter at the senior high school and in the overall system.

According to Thomas, the high school administration is playing the role of a lame duck in dealing with drug and alcohol abuse. He claimed that in a previous conversation with High School Principal David Theodorowicz, he was told to ignore drug abuse "because there's not a damn thing you can do about it."

The Thomas remarks sparked vehement criticism

from long-time board member Walter Balboni. The 14-year veteran said that the school board is currently assembling a get-tough policy that will enable administrators to have more flexibility in dealing with violators.

### Defended Theodorowicz

Both Balboni and School Committee Chairman Richard Borgatti defended the performance of Theodorowicz. Borgatti stated that senior high officials are continually addressing the drug problem, while Balboni remarked, "The biggest problem is that parents defy us to prove it. We have the kids six hours a day and the parents have them 18 hours a day. All the burden should not be put on us."

Newcomer Rosemary Sandlin said while she did not believe the high school administration was ignoring drug problems, she called for more discipline at the high school and said she would advocate more administrative "backbone."

Chester Zymroz, the third newcomer in the race, said that marijuana use on the slope, a hill adjacent to the high school, was rampant and must be stopped immediately. Added Mrs. Sandlin, "I think the time has come for some tough action on these kids."

Thomas declared that smoking on school buses had increased at an alarming rate in recent years. He pledged, if elected, he would sponsor more teacher enforcement of the rules and a visible police presence on school grounds.

### Increased Marijuana Use

Veneta Snyder, another veteran school board member, told the group of approximately 80 concerned parents and teachers that there exists a degree of drug problems with the school system. She cited an increase of marijuana use at the Junior High and Middle Schools.

"The drug problem is everyone's problem," related Mrs. Snyder. "We, as a school board, have faced it. The first step to correcting the situation is to have a

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## CAPUTO ANNOUNCES \$4.00 TAX CUT

The long awaited and much delayed tax cut in Agawam was announced today by Town Manager Peter Caputo. Caputo told the Advertiser/News that town residents will receive a \$4.00 decrease in their real estate taxes this year.

Caputo said he received permission from Boston officials to set the tax cut at the \$4.00 figure. According to the manager, the cut came to \$5.50 before additional municipal services were added to the budget. He noted that the road improvement program, costing \$159,000, paving 25 streets and the sewer and drainage project on Silver Street, costing a projected \$104,000, shaved off \$1.50 from the original \$5.50 figure.

"Hard work and effective administration have brought this cut. It is essential that the town be run as a publically owned business, and that politics as usual be held at bay," said a very pleased Caputo.

The tax cut resulted from an increase in money returned from the state and a tightly balanced budget Caputo noted. Commented Council President Richard Theroux on Caputo's announcement: "The town council has begun moving in a new direction as far as the town budget is concerned. Returning to basic services was the council's major objective with this budget."

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## Airport Committee May Propose Chamber of Commerce

The establishment of an Agawam Chamber of Commerce may be recommended to Town Manager Peter Caputo and the Town Council by the Airport Acquisition Committee sometime in the near future.

### Second Gathering

The committee gathered for the second time on Monday, September 24, to begin assembling a feasibility study to determine if the community should buy the Bowles Airport site for an estimated \$1 million. Late in the summer, both Caputo and the council indicated an interest in buying and developing the 300-acre site into an industrial-air park.

Committee member Clayton Fuller and committee consultant Winslow Stahle told the seven-member panel that discussions with William Frank, president of Westbank and an official of the Springfield Area Development Association, indicated that Agawam must set up a chamber of commerce before the town would be considered for financial support from either entity.

According to Fuller, both Westbank and the SADA have expressed interest in the possible industrial development of Bowles Airport. Fuller said he was most impressed with the SADA program, which was involved in the West Springfield Industrial Park.

Said Fuller, "I was told that before the SADA or Westbank would be involved in developing the airport, a firm commitment from both the town and its people must be attained. The chamber of commerce would help along that commitment."

### Increase Area Employment

Stahle explained that the SADA's projects were aimed at increasing area employment. He suggested that the committee seek advice from the Federal Land Bank agency about establishing a chamber of commerce in Agawam.

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# SCHOOL NEWS



Members of the AGawam bus Safety Patrol met recently at the Middle School for some instruction in school bus safety. They were given demonstrations on how to use fire extinguishers and put out fires by members of the Agawam Fire Department, and were instructed in bus safety by Agawam Safety Officer Al Longhi. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

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## Parent Advocate Program Names Coordinator

Marge Wojcik has been named coordinator of the Chapter 766 Parent Advocate Training Program.

Ms. Wojcik has been active in the field of Chapter 766 advocacy for the past five years. She is president of the Chicopee Chapter 766 PAC (Parent Advisory Council) and is presently serving on the RAC (Regional Advisory Council) of the Springfield Regional Education Center. She has also served as president of the Western Mass. ACLD (Association of Children with Learning Disabilities).

She has been involved with a planning group of the Greater Westfield Area Council for Children to design and implement a model training program for Chapter 766 Parent Advocates. The project is scheduled to begin October 4th and will run for nine weeks.

Anyone interested in becoming a Chapter 766 Advocate may call the Greater Westfield Area Council for Children office at 568-3341 or 562-5014.

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## School Committee Discusses Hebert's Contract

By Joanne Brown

The Agawam School Committee held a special meeting last Tuesday evening in an attempt to iron out last minute contractual negotiations involved with Superintendent of Schools designate Louis J. Hebert.

According to School Committee Chairman Richard Borgatti, a copy of the proposed contract had been sent to Hebert at his present home in New Jersey for him to peruse. Hebert sent back his thoughts on various sections, and the 7-member committee met to discuss his comments.

Areas of contention involved included vacation time, transportation allowance, and the evaluation and granting of the superintendent's raises.

Several of the committee members were under the impression that Hebert would be at the meeting and expressed concern that he was not present to answer specific questions which they wished to address to him.

Committeewoman Jessie Fuller especially stated her desire to speak to Hebert personally. "I thought he was going to be here tonight," she said. "Negotiations would be simplified if he were across the table from us to answer our questions."

Committeeman Tom Ennis felt that the contract changes requested by Hebert seemed as if he were "trying to write his own contract and not let us do it." He expressed the desire for the committee to remain in control of the contents of the contract.

Included in the contract is a residency clause which requires the new superintendent to move into Agawam with his immediate family within twelve months of signing the agreement.

Many of the requests on the part of Hebert brought his contract to the same level as that of the other administrators in the school system, and the committee, expressing belief in the fairness of these requests, had no objections to them.

The area involving the most vocal objections was a request from Hebert that a phrase be made part of the contract whereby he would not be granted an increase in salary of a lesser percentage than that of any administrator working under him.

A five in favor, two opposed vote struck this inclusion from the contract. The committee felt it seemed as if Hebert was negotiating his own raise.

A 3-year contract is expected to be offered to Hebert although several committee members reserved their final positions until they meet with him again.

A meeting has been scheduled for next Tuesday, October 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at which time Hebert is expected to be present to negotiate his final contract.

## School Lunch Menus

### AGAWAM SCHOOL MENU

Monday, Oct. 8: No School  
Tuesday, Oct. 9: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, potato chips, chilled fruit cup, milk  
Wednesday, Oct. 10: Chilled juice, baked hamburger & macaroni, buttered Italian bread, pineapple jello w/whip topping, milk  
Thursday, Oct. 11: 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter & jelly sandwich, carrot & celery sticks, apple crisp, milk  
Friday, Oct. 12: Oven roasted turkey, whipped potatoes, buttered peas & carrots, rye bread & butter, applesauce cake w/vanilla icing, milk

### SOUTHWICK SCHOOL MENU

Monday, Oct. 8: No School - Columbus Day  
Tuesday, Oct. 9: Oven baked frankfurter, buttered roll, brian potatoes, chilled fruit, cookies, milk  
Wednesday, Oct. 10: Vegetable beef stew, buttered noodles, cheese cubes, bread & butter, dessert cook's choice, milk  
Thursday, Oct. 11: Hamburger on bun, catsup, mustard, pickle chips, buttered corn, cherry jello w/fruit & topping, milk  
Friday, Oct. 12: Cheese pizza, buttered green beans, tossed salad w/dressing, chilled peaches, milk

## Agawam Students Will Be Dismissed Early

Students in grades K-12 will be dismissed from school one hour early on Monday, October 15, so that teachers may attend workshops. There will be no afternoon kindergarten on this day.

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 10/12: Fish, shredded potatoes, carrots, cheese cake

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Next hypertension clinic: October 16  
 Nurses foot clinic: Oct. 18

November 29th, we will have a bus to the Holyoke Mall. Reservations now being taken. Price: \$1.00. The only way you can get there cheaper is by hitch-hiking!

There will be a flu clinic again this year; however, as of today we do not have a date yet. Keep looking for it in this newspaper.

## Golden Agers Meet

The Agawam Golden Age Club held its regular meeting on September 26 at the Senior Center on Wright Street with 168 members present. Many are reported sick, and we miss them. We were entertained by the Bay Staters. Lorraine Parsons was the soloist. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

At the next meeting on October 10, we will have Battle Raffle (wonder what is in them) a group from the Riverdale Nursing Home will entertain us.

*The family of the late  
 Richard M. Jabry  
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## Council Places Racing Questions On Ballot

by Andy Paleologopoulos

A motion placed on the agenda by Council President Richard Theroux to discuss racing in Agawam was tabled indefinitely by the Council Monday night. Instead, it was decided to include two questions on the November 6 ballot asking voters to express their opinion concerning either dog or harness racing.

Theroux asked that his motion be tabled due to the possibility of prejudicing a case still pending in court against Agawam and the State Racing Commission by Pioneer Valley Raceway, Inc.

John O'Neill, president of the racing firm, is appealing a decision by the State Racing Commission that negated O'Neill's attempt to bring para-mutual racing into the Bowles airport site.

The Commission's decision was based upon the contention that Agawam never legally approved racing in the 1930's because no official documents were available to prove otherwise. O'Neill claims that Agawam has suppressed such evidence. The issue became further clouded when Fred Drew, an Assistant Town Assessor, and long time resident said he possessed documented evidence that the community did in fact approve racing some 45 years ago.

Town Clerk Edward Caba told the Council Monday night that Drew had not forwarded any legal proof to his office. Caba, upon the request of Theroux, said he would ask Drew to present any materials in his possession that may prove that town residents supported racing in the '30's.

Two other questions will accompany the racing questions on the ballot. These questions will ask the voters if they prefer to approve a new

charter as recommended by the charter commission. The first question is a proposal in the form of a variation of the present council-manager government. The council would be made up of nine councilors elected at-large.

The second question proposes the implementation of a large member of the Board of Appeals. Mr. Hebert resides on Fernwood Drive and intends to use his experience as a tax auditor for the Department of Revenue in his new position for the town of Agawam.

In other business, Ronald Hebert was elected as an at-

A petition containing 107 names of registered voters in Agawam prompted the council to recommend the presence of any town date of October 18 as the date for a public meeting to "discuss the manager's resume, the manager, and any

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## Cub Pack 89 Practices Conservation

Cub Scout Pack 89, sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club, met on Saturday, September 29, under the direction of Pack Leader Dick Treganowan for a special project to tidy up Agawam's conservation Cote area located on School Street.

Wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes were all busily utilized as the cubs and Webelos put down wood chips. Each boy was assigned a buddy and a job to be done. Overcast skies did not dampen these hearty scouts, either in weather or in enthusiasm.

The property involved, donated to the town by O.R. Cote, covers sixteen wooded acres, and boasts a pond and a brook and a 1/2-mile biking trail. The trail was begun in April, 1979, through the efforts of a YACC (Young Adult Conservation Corps) project made possible by a combination grant from the Department of Environmental Management, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the federal government.

Mr. Richard Stapleton, supervisor of YACC for the Conservation Commission, and six enrollees helped create the trails in the Cote area as well as Ridgeview Park in Feeding Hills, a section of land donated by Frank Solitario.

The Town of Agawam is hoping for a grant next summer to repeat the YACC program for an additional six months, April through October of next year.



Members of Cub Scout Pack 89 in Agawam helped in clean up activities recently at Robinson State Park. Pictured from left to right are: back row-Scott St. Hill, Chad Alechny, Mike Wojcik, Chris Nicholls, Ed Drowns, Brett Treganowan, Scott Hauser, and Mark Romeo. Front row, same order; Jim LaJole, Todd Kane, Nathan Franklin and Tim Burns. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

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### Boy Scout Troop 77 Will Hold Paper Drive

The boy scouts and explorers of Troop 77 are having a paper drive on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14. A truck will be parked in the St. John's Church parking lot on Main Street. The scouts will be there to assist with any donations.

### 4-H Service Club Seeks New Members

The Hampden County 4-H Service Club is seeking new members to join their organization at the October 17th meeting. The meeting, held at 7:30 p.m. at the Hampden County Improvement League Building, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, is open to the public regardless of race, color or national origin.

Service Club is a 4-H program designed for teens who would like to meet socially for community service projects. Service Club members will have a slide show explaining club activities. New members will have an opportunity to make new acquaintances and join in the fun.

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In a related development, Councilor Paul Fieldstad, committee chairman, forwarded his colleagues with a list of five perspective tenants for the site. Each would-be tenant had previously presented Fieldstad with a written statement that said they were interested in purchasing property at the proposed industrial air park. Four local firms and one firm from Enfield, Connecticut, were included on the list.

The Agawam businesses are Professional Machine Company, John Ferrero, president; Hampden Fence Supply Inc., Leo H. Vergnani, president; LEC Equipment Corporation, Joseph Mendes, president; Galaska Associates, Paul Galaska, president.

Turbine Sales International Corporation, represented by John P. MacDonald, regional manager, was the lone outside firm seeking to purchase property.

#### Important Selling Point

Fieldstad noted that receiving tentative commitments from businesses was an important selling point to bring before the council.

Member James Cook pointed out that the expansion of the airport would be a gradual process. First, the acquisition of industrial facilities was crucial to the overall success of the proposition, he said.

According to Town Engineer Michael Suprenant, who appeared upon the committee's request, the 300-acre parcel "was perfectly suited for this type of development."

According to Suprenant, Timothy Brennan, principal planner of the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission, told him that while the committee's plans for the industrial-air park were worthwhile, it would be very difficult for the Bowles Airport to be placed on the state's airport system.

"Mr. Brennan indicated to me that the federal government was cutting back from funding such smaller airports. He said it will never get on the federal airport system and was not likely to be placed on the state system either."

#### Strong Exception

Members Charles Lukas and Cook took strong exception to the Brennan comments as related to the committee by Suprenant.

Lukas said he has information explaining that both the federal and state governments have funds available for the airport's expansion.

Fieldstad said the committee will gather all available information on how much financial aid is available if the town purchases the tract.

The committee plans to present the manager and the council with a comprehensive package on or about December 1.

#### Workshop Session

Fieldstad suggested the committee conduct a workshop session with both the present council and the council-elect prior to any action that the legislative body may take on the committee's package.

The long-time councilor told his colleagues that many of the councilors have expressed genuine interest in the committee's plans. "I'll do everything I can to keep the council informed of what we're doing," said Fieldstad.

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School Committee Candidate Chester Zymroz



School Committeeman and candidate Walter Balboni

## Re-Actors Set Tag Sale

The Re-Actors group of Agawam have scheduled a Tag Sale to benefit the group's projects. The location will be at 916 Sur-

field Street, Agawam, on Sunday, October 7th from noon to 6 p.m.

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policy," she noted in reference to the still-being-developed drug policy.

Oddly enough, the incumbents present, which also included Thomas Ennis and Jessie Fuller, defended their collective performance over the past two years. Ennis attributed the widely publicized bickering on the committee as sensationalizing by the media and the fact that there were many difficult decisions before the present board.

Said Ennis, "We had a number of very important issues before us, and, naturally, there were differences of opinion. But we functioned well and got many things accomplished."

### Score High On Tests

While incumbents pointed to Agawam students scoring higher than the state average on student aptitude tests and the school system having the lowest operating cost per student in the area, the challengers were quick to say change is needed.

Thomas said students were not "getting enough out of the system" and were "ill-prepared for college." He said he would propose higher funding allocations for educationally-oriented programs.

Mrs. Sandlin noted that not enough communication exists between parents and the school board. She said she would encourage vocational education, if elected.

Zymroz, the youngest candidate at 21, advocated smaller class sizes providing it did not increase the tax rate.

If re-elected, Ennis promised to continue to be fiscally responsible. To expand upon the system's special education program, Ennis stated he would make the gifted-student program one of his top priorities.

"The minutes of our meetings show that this committee has been and continues to be concerned with both the gifted and the average student," related Ennis, a 7-year board member.

### Promote Moderate Classes

Mrs. Snyder said she will again promote moderate class sizes. She praised the efforts of the student redistricting committee, calling it a fine example of what can be accomplished when parents, teachers, and administrators work together.

Mrs. Fuller said, if re-elected, she will keep a careful eye on the high school's controversial Maximum Educa-



School Committee candidate Michael Thomas. Advertiser/News photos by Jack Devine

tion program while also sponsoring increased discipline in the school system.

Board chairman Borgatti told the gathering that policy making decisions, vanguarding the school budget and selecting a superintendent were the most important responsibilities of the School Committee.

When Thomas attacked the school board for the recent controversy over the hiring of Louis J. Hebert as the new Superintendent of Schools and said the committee was stained with bad blood, both Borgatti and Ennis defended the board's actions.

### No Regrets

"I have no regrets of decisions that I've made and I try to go out into the community and see how people feel before I make them," responded Ennis to Thomas' accusations.

Thomas also said Agawam's town government and the school board were the laughing stock of the state. "I'm tired of my Eastern Mass. colleagues laughing at us. I think it's time for our kids to get a decent education."

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## Donna Lund Weds Michael Bodurtha

On Friday, September 28, 1979, in a candlelight ceremony in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, Donna Lund became the bride of Michael Bodurtha. Father Joseph Flood, pastor, presided.

A reception at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield followed the ceremony, after which the couple left for a wedding trip to Florida.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie F. Lund of 33 Norman Terrace, Feeding Hills, is employed as a nurse's aide at Heritage Hall Nursing Homes and is the coach for the Agawam High School varsity cheerleaders.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bodurtha of 83 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, is an electronic technician at Digital Equipment Corporation.

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## Secretaries Association Slates Executives Night

On Wednesday, October 17th, the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield, will be the scene of the 29th annual Executives Night sponsored by Springfield Chapter, The National Secretaries Association (International). Social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 during which time members and their guests will be serenaded by the violin music of Ms. Stacia Filipiak.

Attendance awards will be presented to executives who have attended this event during previous years.

Featured entertainer of the evening will be Nick S. Ruggiero, well-known New England magician. He has travelled and studied under the last of the world's great magicians, Harry Blackstone, and has practiced magical arts for over 30 years. The highlight of his act is the great use of audience participation in the performance of his magic.

Details of the evening are under the direction of Chairman Sandra Briggs, assisted by Veronica Bozek, CPS; Laura Coppola, Cecilia Crapser, CPS; Helen doane, June Johnson; Constance Marini; Ann Van Wart; Violet Vester, CPS; and Eve Waterman. Reservations should be made with Violet Vester at Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Company, prior to Friday, October 5th.

## Local Grange Will Attend National Session

Pioneer Valley Pomona Grange has chartered a bus for local members to attend the national grange meeting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, November 15-18. Transportation, accommodations for three nights at a resort motel, a guided tour of the Amish country with lunch, admission into Longwood Gardens, all taxes and tips are included for \$89.50 per person, twin occupancy.

More information and reservations may be made with Florence Blish, 42 Norman Terrace, Feeding Hills, 786-6172, by October 12. One need not be a grange member to join this tour as meetings open to the public are included.

## Sacred Heart Schedules Living Rosary

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will sponsor a Living Rosary in the church on Springfield Street on Tuesday, October 9th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The rosary will be followed by a meeting in the parish center at 8:00. All women of the parish are invited to attend and meet the new priest, Father Ahearn.

## Garden Club Will Meet

The Agawam Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 9th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This month's speaker will be Mrs. Naciewicz from Feeding Hills who will discuss dried flower arranging. She is a member of the Craftsman's Guild. As her hobby, she raises all the dried materials for her arrangements at her home in Feeding Hills. She will present these dried arrangements and a question-and-answer period will follow.

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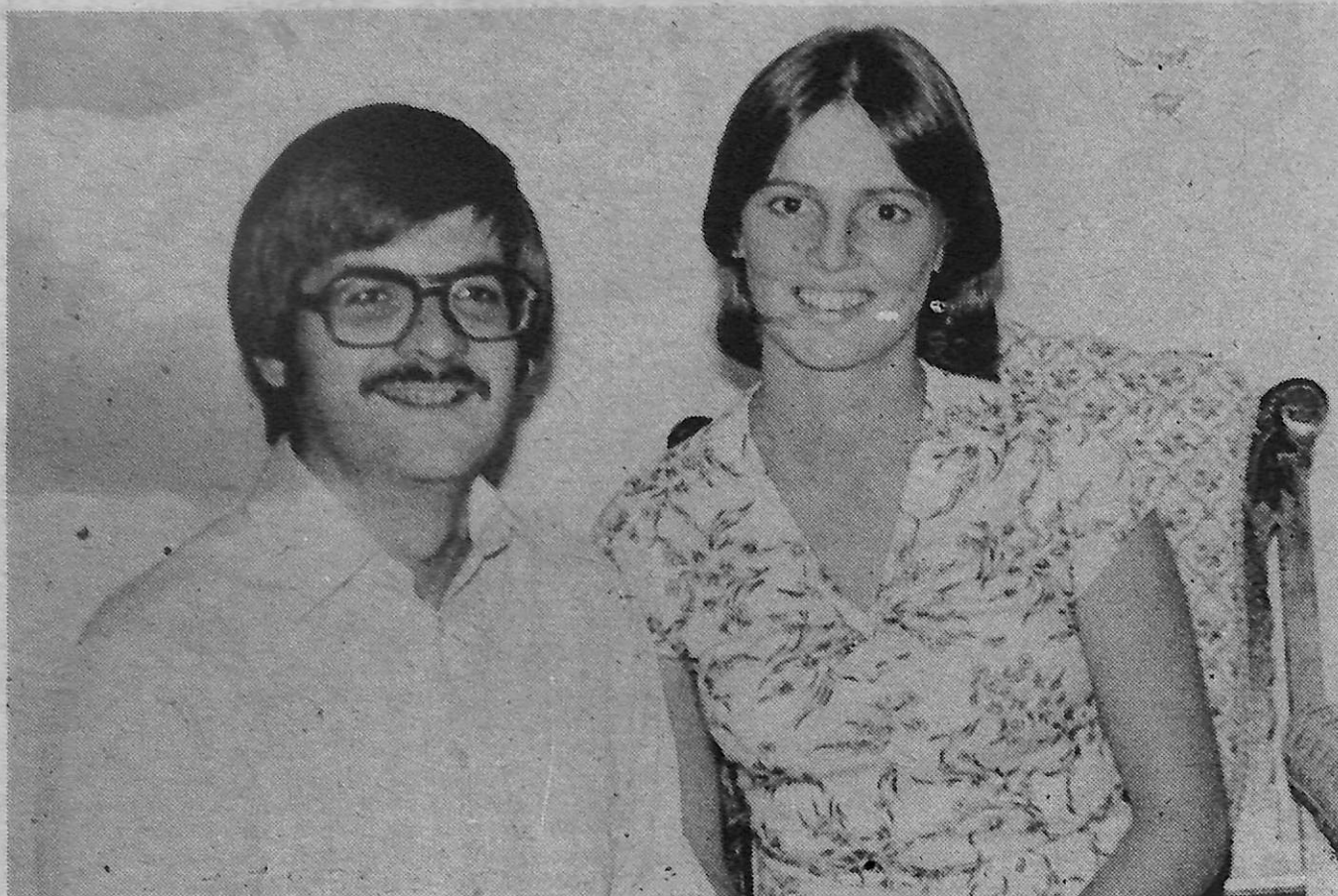
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Dennis Roberts and Carleen Perusse

## Carleen Perusse to Wed Dennis Roberts

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perusse of Adams Street in Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter Carleen to Dennis Roberts, also of Agawam.

Miss Perusse is employed by AAA World Wide Travel Agency as a travel agent. She recently returned from a cruise on the cruise ship Mardi Gras where she represented her company as an assistant cruise director.

She is a graduate of Agawam High School and attended Southeastern Academy in Florida, where she specialized in travel training.

Mr. Roberts is presently employed by Big Y in Agawam and is serving as a councilor on the Agawam Town Council. He is an Agawam High School graduate and a recent graduate of American International College where he received a bachelor's degree in political science. Mr. Roberts is attending the University of Hartford where he hopes to obtain his master's degree.

## Local Artists Show At WNEC

Niobe O'Connor of Agawam and Sandra Dudek of Feeding Hills are among area women artists represented in the third annual Western New England College Invitational on view at Churchill Library from October 7th-31st.

They are among twenty-five artists selected by the college's Arts Enrichment Committee from over one hundred artists who participated in the Springfield YWCA Art Show held last spring.

This exhibit which is open to the public free of charge during library hours, features a variety of works, including oils, pastels, watercolors, and graphics.

## Fall Festival Of Crafts Scheduled

St. John's Parish Center on Main Street will be the scene of the Sixth Annual Fall Festival of Crafts of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club on Saturday, October 13th at 10:00 a.m. Forty artists representing Massachusetts and Connecticut will be displaying their works.

Among those scheduled for the event are Dick Goldberg of Simsbury working with leather, H.E. Gannon, "The Practical Woodcrafter," from Westfield, Karen Pfau of Agawam demonstrating tole painting, and Todd Paules, the wood clock master from Southwick.

In addition, the intricate art of painting on glass will be displayed by Jane Clark of West Springfield, the fragrant craft of creating home decor with herbs will be shown by Irene Jensen of Southwick, and Cynthia Cross of this community will offer crewel embroidered works.

Admission is free to all. Beautiful door prizes of all types will be donated by the artists and home-cooked foods will be served in the lunchroom. This is a fall event not to be missed! See you on Saturday, October 13th.

Any artist wishing to reserve one of the remaining spaces may contact Jeannette Ouelette of Florida Drive at 789-0977.

## Agawam Woman Begins Black Women's Support Group

Jeannette Moss of Agawam is beginning a Black Women's Support Group to explore and discuss the key concerns and problems that affect the Black women today. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays, October 16-November 6, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Springfield YWCA, 26 Howard Street.

Pre-registration is necessary by phoning Marcia Willis at the YW, 732-3121. The cost is \$20 for YW members; \$23 for non-members. Child care can be arranged if reservations are made with Ms. Willis several days in advance each time the service is needed.

"The support group will offer Black women many opportunities," says Ms. Moss, a Supervisory/Management Development Specialist at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance company. "She will become more aware of concerns that are relevant to a black woman's experiences, be encouraged to share herself with other women if she wishes, and either meet old friends or make new ones. The atmosphere will be friendly, informal, and supportive."

Ms. Moss is a wife and mother along with her professional career.

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## Harvest Smorgasbord Planned

The United Women's Fellowship of the Agawam Baptist Church has scheduled a Harvest Smorgasbord for Saturday, October 13. The first sitting will be at 5 p.m. and the second at 6:15.

The menu planned for this dinner includes fruit cup, home-baked beans, baked ham, turkey, Swedish meatballs, deviled eggs, American chop suey, beets, green bean casserole, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, cranberry salad, cole slaw, relish tray, assorted homemade pies, rolls, coffee, tea, and milk.

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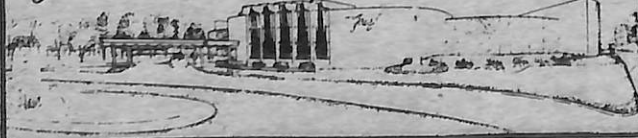
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At a recent meeting of the Community Grange in Feeding Hills, guest lecturers were invited to speak. Pictured from left to right are: Mrs. Gerald Celley, Lecturer of Southwick; Miss Florence Blish, Pomona Lecturer; Mrs. Ellen Hitchings, Massachusetts State Lecturer; and Mrs. Elise Bradway of the Community Grange in Feeding Hills. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

## YWCA Plans 5th Celebrity Series Season

Ruth and Edith Perry of Agawam are part of a 16-member committee planning the 1979-80 season of the Springfield YWCA Celebrity Series, which brings major entertainers and personalities to Greater Springfield for four Thursday morning lectures at 10:30 at Old First Church on Court Square, 50 Elm Street, Springfield. Tickets are now on sale.

The following celebrities are scheduled: MERCEDES McCAMBRIDGE on October 25th, an award-winning actress who has worked in every medium; JACK ANDERSON on November 29, the controversial columnist; JESSICA SAVITCH on March 27th, NBC's Washington correspondent; and MARILYN VAN DEBER on April 24, a former Miss America who is deeply involved in motivational work with youth.

As a special fifth anniversary celebration, the series has scheduled HIS EXCELLENCY ABBA EBAN, an Israeli statesman since 1948, for an evening lecture on Thursday, May 1, 1980. Mr. Eban will speak on "The World Political Scene, The Search for Stability."

Tickets for the four morning lectures are sold on a series basis only for \$18 and may be obtained through the Springfield YWCA, 26 Howard Street, or at the door of the church on lecture day.

Series ticket holders may also purchase the "Luncheon With The Stars" which follow the morning lectures as a series for \$26 or on an individual ticket basis. The Eban lecture is not included in the regular season, but series ticket holders will receive a discount when tickets become available later in the season.

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## Fall Pre-School Story Hour

The Agawam Public Library will be holding a second Pre-School Story Hour starting Friday, October 5th, through November 9th, from 10 to 11 a.m. for all those who haven't registered yet.

Preschoolers must be at least 3½ years old to register for this story hour.

Pre-registration is required and may be done by phone or in person at the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550. Also, there will be coffee for the mothers.

Please come and join the fun of meeting new friends and enjoying stories, games, music, and other activities.

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## Turnverein To Sponsor Monte Carlo Night

The Springfield Turnverein, located at 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, October 13th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Price for admission will be \$2.50 per person. Those attending must be at least 18 years of age. Everyone is invited to attend, and refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

The following committee is actively working to make this a huge success: Chairman Arthur Nadeau, Co-Chairman Ted Twarog, Treasurer Frank Astaldi, Worker Chairman Al LaBaff, Worker C-Chairman Roger Olewinski, Prize Chairman Earl George, Raffle Chairwoman Elfriede Cote, Property Chairman Lloyd Jack, Kitchen Chairwoman Ria Jaeger, Secretary Ted O'Donnell, and Publicity Wilman Gillan.

If you have any questions, please call the club.

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# Race For Council- Vote Oct 9th



**ROBERT R. DEFORGE**

Robert R. DeForge, incumbent Agawam Councilman, today announced his re-election bid for a third term to one of the three seats in the At-Large Primary Election on October 9th.

During my four years on the council, I have attended over 99% of all scheduled council meetings, served on the school budget committee for three years, and have chaired several council budget committees. I feel that my extensive business experience and financial background have enabled me to carefully scrutinize all budgetary items and appropriations coming before the council and, as such, have been helpful factors in working toward stable tax rates in Agawam.

"If re-elected, I pledge to continue to be my own man, acting in the best interest of all the citizens and taxpayers of Agawam."

DeForge has been an Agawam postmaster for several years, served in the 4th Marine Division in World War II, was a member of the original Agawam Brownies semi-pro football team, and is a past president of Wilson-Thompson American Legion Post 185.

Councilman DeForge resides with his wife, Helen, and daughter, Beth, at 63 Clematis Road, Agawam.

## III National Bank Promotes Sue Rothery

Richard F. Driscoll, vice president Third National Bank, has announced the promotion of Ms. Sue E. Rothery to Public Relations Coordinator.

Ms. Rothery joined the bank in 1974 in the VISA department and was appointed Credit Card Sales Representative in 1978. Prior to joining Third National Bank, Ms. Rothery attended Garland Junior College.

Ms. Rothery resides in Springfield.

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**DOMINIC J. CANDIDO**

Dominic J. Candido today announced he is a candidate for councilor-at-large.

"I am seeking the office of councilman-at-large because I feel new attitudes are necessary in governing the town."

"I believe it is necessary for every councilor to be responsible for the direction of town policies and to direct the Town Manager in all areas of town government."

"One of the areas most important to all of us is the tax base in our community. The question which must be answered is how to expand the tax base so that we may continue to provide the necessary services without destroying our present farmlands and without radical zone changes."

"Another area which I strongly support is adult recreation," said Mr. Candido.

Dominic J. Candido, age 32, is a graduate of Agawam High School and continued his education at Holyoke Community College, where he has a liberal arts major. Mr. Candido is presently employed as sales manager of Wholesale Counter Tops in Springfield. He has been active in recreational and team sports. He coached at Sacred Heart Church Athletic Association and has been involved with other youth recreational activities for the last ten years. He has also been involved in many town drives including Muscular Dystrophy and St. Jude's Hospital.

He presently resides at 40 Ley Street with his wife JoAnne and their two children, Dominic Jr., age 2½, and Kristina, age 9.



**ELAINE T. BONAVITA**

Elaine T. Bonavita today announced her candidacy for councilor-at-large.

Miss Bonavita said she will continue to bring the issues to the people as she has done in the past by organizing the town meetings with local legislature and community.

"I am strongly opposed to officials voting on issues with blatant disregard to the will of the people," Miss Bonavita said.

"APATHY has too long been used as an excuse in voting against the wishes of the people, and the NEW COUNCIL will have no such excuse. I will put apathy back in the closet where it belongs. I will form a Citizen Council to meet with councilors-at-large on a monthly basis and would be a recommending body to the council with citizens from each precinct," she added.

"Promises come easy so I will cite what I have done, what I am doing and what my goals are," she said.

As chairman of the Mass. Excise T Party, she is Number 2 signer of Proposition 2½ petition to lower property and auto excise taxes. As chairman of the North Agawam Youth Council, she successfully petitioned hiring beat cops, sponsored Town Council Boys Club/Recreation Center study. And as member of CLT, she is attending a series of tax seminars to study reduction of taxes and retention of services.

She is employed as an assistant data processing manager by Johnson Insulation Corporation. She lives at 84 Walnut Street with her son Shaun.

All of the Candidates running at large were given the opportunity to have their pictures and statements printed in this issue at no charge to them. The Agawam Advertiser/News did this as a public service to its readers.

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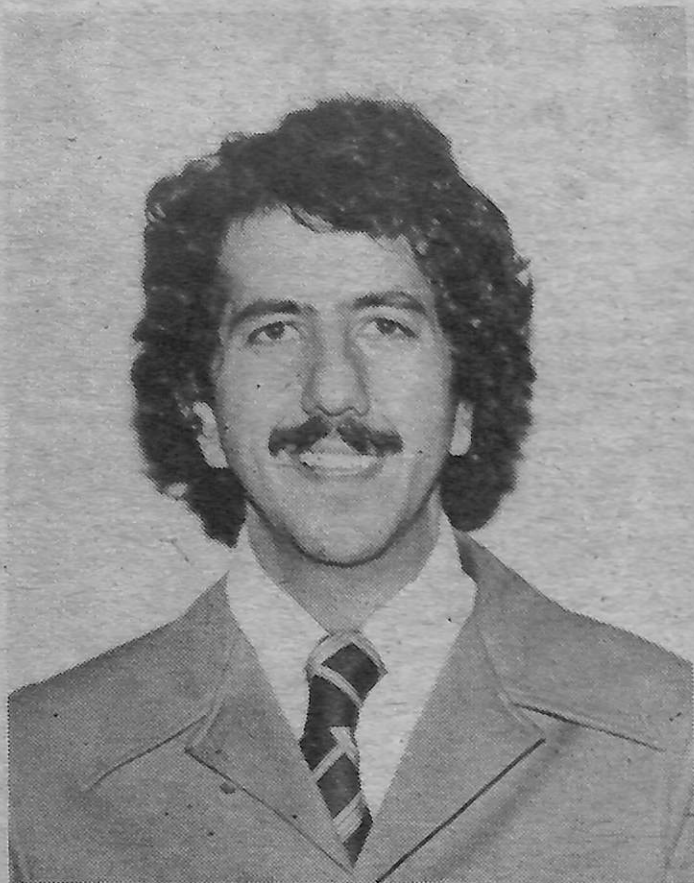
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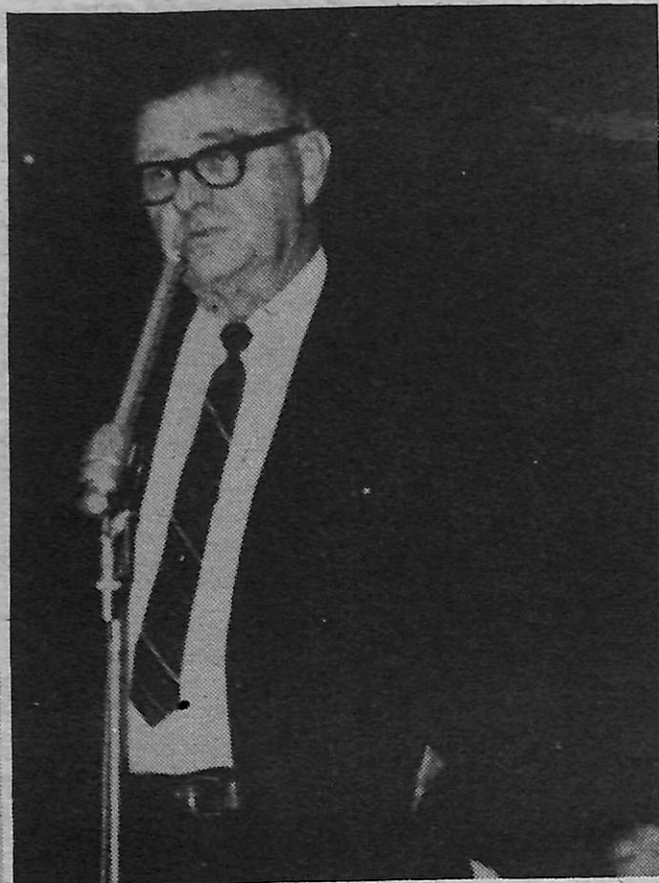
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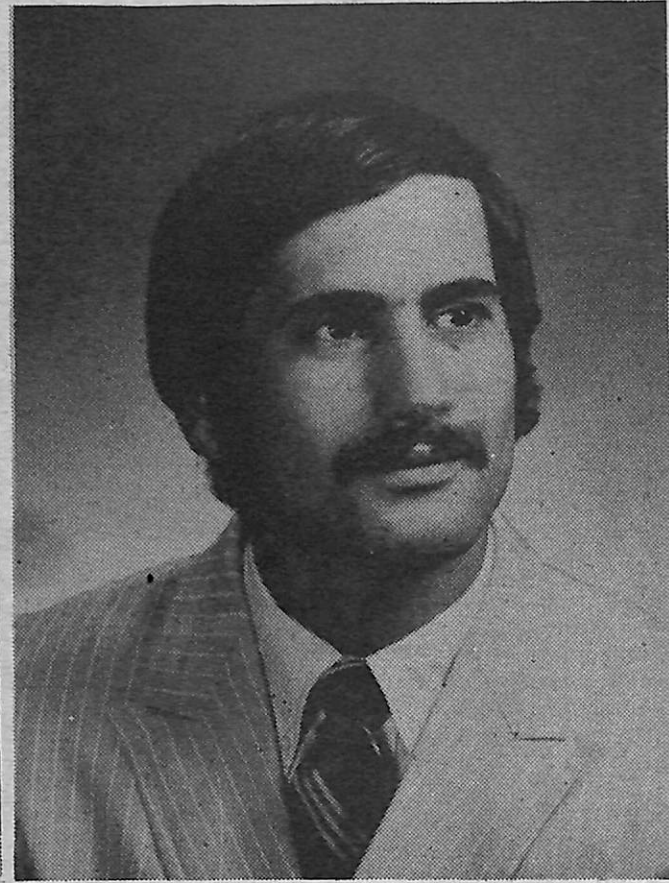
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Citizens of Agawam, my name is Michael Shibley, candidate for councilman-at-large.

This election year is the time to elect new councilmen with fresh ideas into our town government. My ideas are decreasing property taxes, increasing town revenue, better youth programs, better roads, and more open citizen-council discussion.

As one of your councilmen-at-large, I will provide you with complete and responsible representation at all town meetings talking to any citizen about a problem. I will step out and fight for what the citizens want and need. Too much of the citizens' tax dollar is being spent in one area. An example is the Agawam High School Renovation project. I feel at least \$1,000,000 could have been saved on this project alone.

I'm not campaigning for councilman-at-large with the feeling that my job is going to be easy because I know it will not be easy. I know it will be very hard. I look to the office of councilman-at-large as a very serious one knowing the chief task of councilmen-at-large is to represent the people strictly for the people. Thank you.

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The reason I seek the office of councilor is because of the lack of experienced leadership in the council and the administrator.

I have always fought the unpopular battle of telling the people "as it is."

I cite the present for example. The taxpayers of Agawam have been hearing about a huge tax cut this year (as high as \$12.00) since budget time.

If there is a tax cut it will not be the magic, the genius, or the experience of the administration that will give the tax cut. It will be the dollars you have already paid the town in taxes that finds itself in the free cash account, which is (\$1,301,000.00) one million three hundred and one thousand dollars that will only appear to be cutting your taxes.

The balance of the money that will contribute to the reduction is the \$1,545,282.00 - one million five hundred forty five thousand two hundred and eighty two dollars - the town received from the state and federal governments, without which there would be an approximate additional nine dollar increase in your tax rate. And lest we forget, the town must appropriate some \$400,000.00 - four hundred thousand dollars - to compensate for the mess the "zero based budget" created in the present budget.

Besides all this, the town has been bonded for an additional five or more million dollars which will be a built-in interest cost of one dollar or more on your tax rate for the next twenty years.

The games the manager and the council are now playing points up the fact that election time is here.

The need for experience and truth in our government has become more and more evident as time goes on. When are we going to get done what the candidates always talk about every election year?

## Candidates Night Set For Councilman-At-Large Race

Following the televised invitation to debate, there will be held a Candidates Night for those running for positions as Town Councilmen-At-Large. This event will be held on Thursday, November 1st beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School auditorium.

This forum will allow each candidate time to express his/her position on current issues and then an informal question-and-answer period will follow.

All voters of Agawam are urged to attend this event and meet the candidates.

LUCIEN N. BREAU

My wife Pat and I have lived in Agawam for 17 years. We have six children, all in Agawam schools. We love Agawam. It's a nice town to live in and raise a family.

The reason I am seeking office for councilman-at-large is because WE THE TAXPAYERS HAVE NO REPRESENTATION.

Examples are

The closing of the fire station to save \$55,000. Yet, in two months we spent \$25,000 on overtime.

Closing the Main Street Library, bringing the issue of ownership to the courts.

A \$12,000 police report which was filled by a buddy-buddy system. No education or qualifications, just fill the job.

The worse trash collection in years, which we the taxpayers paid thousands of dollars of our hard-earned money for.

The Special Election for the Police Chief, which cost us money, and yet the election was non-binding. Just a big joke, but we paid the bill and your vote didn't count.

A vote of 12-0 for the Town Manager. Are our councilors afraid to stand up and be counted? I call this taxation without representation. We need someone who will speak up for us, the taxpayers.

At one time we had three fire stations; now we have two. At one time we had two libraries; now we have one. What will be next?

I am for the Mayor form of government. The top administrator must be accountable to the voters for his administration. I think it's time that the buddy-buddy system in the Town Hall should go. I believe the voters of Agawam will change our form of government this coming election.

I would appreciate your vote for councilman-at-large in the election on October 9th, and I promise you that I won't be afraid to speak up for you. Please vote; let's show our kids a good example. You'll be glad you did.

## Tennis Tournament To Benefit Lung Association

The Western Massachusetts Lung Association, in cooperation with the Pioneer Valley Racquet Club, will sponsor an all day Doubles Tennis Party and Doubles Tournament on Saturday, October 13th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The day's events will start with men's doubles from 7 to 10 a.m. Registration for court time is available to all tennis enthusiasts and you don't have to be a member to play on this day.

A contribution of \$10 for court time will go to the Western Massachusetts Lung Association. For further information and registration, call 737-3506.



# EDITORIAL



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### To The Editor:

It has been over a month since the unfortunate-Peter Caputo resume controversy came to light. Many articles and letters were written both for and against Mr. Caputo. One caught my attention and is the cause of my writing to you.

This article was in the Friday, August 24, 1979 edition of the *Morning Union* and came out immediately following the Town Council's executive session to review the matter.

As we all know, the Town Council unanimously voted to retain Mr. Caputo as manager. Unanimously, but with the exception of one. That one being Councilor-at large Robert DeForge.

The article quoted Mr. DeForge as saying, "Something inside me said don't go in there." There being the executive session which was about to reconvene to vote.

If he felt so strongly about his convictions, why didn't he vote no instead of taking the easy way out and not voting at all?

Mr. DeForge was also quoted as saying that he "abstained from voting on the resolution because my conscience is my guide." That is what I call real representation. We may not all agree with the action taken by the other councilors that night, but at least they voted.

One other fact should be mentioned at this time. It was Mr. DeForge who chaired the committee responsible for investigating the credentials of Mr. Caputo prior to his being hired by the town. If Mr. DeForge had done his job as chairman of that investigating committee, then this whole unfortunate situation might never have occurred.

Sincerely,  
A.M.A.

### To The Editor:

When planning for the Olympics to be held at Lake Placid, N.Y., the experts had to make a survey to see if the people in the area were willing to go along with it.

The factor they used was there is always approximately 10% of the people complaining of their violation of privacy or does not suit their interests even though it would prove fruitful and advantageous to the whole community and create many spin-off benefits.

Adopting the factor used by experts and using a population of 28,000 people in Agawam, we only had approximately less than 2% of the people in Agawam against racing. Therefore, it stands to logic that 98% of the people want a race track in Agawam to help lower our taxes.

The past two ballots in Agawam showed a ratio of 3 to 1 for racing and 2 to 1 for it on another ballot. Also, the Agawam Businessmen's Association went on record in favoring racing in Agawam recently.

Agawam Citizen

### LETTER TO COUNCILOR PALEOLOGOPOULOS

It is unfortunate that a councilor who represents the people is so totally unaware of the election process would make a statement such as appeared in the *Daily News* on the 21st of September. (And I quote)

"If a majority of the voters must approve the charter" and "What is the majority of voters supposed to be? Will it be a majority of the registered voters, or the majority of the registered voters who went to the polls that day?"

It is beyond reason how you could seek election to the Town Council when you are not even fundamentally acquainted with our governmental or election process.

At this point in time, you should be aware of the issues and you should be clearing up voter confusion, not adding to it.

I feel that the majority of your constituents have not been intelligently represented during your term as councilor, when you can question what the majority is, as I have quoted you above.

It is apparent you don't understand; your confusion is evident.

If you do not exercise your right to vote, you lose it! It is unfortunate that you as a councilor fail to understand this. Your lack of understanding is an unfortunate burden on your constituents.

WHY DO YOU SEEK RE-ELECTION???

Judith Burgess

### To The Editor:

I would like to address myself to "Deeply Concerned Citizen" and the article that appeared in the September 13th issue of this fine newspaper. I, too, am deeply concerned with Agawam's status and progress. For this reason, this reply will be signed by my given name.

I take personal issue with the remarks direct toward the ACT group. I speak for myself! Negativism is certainly not my goal, but a positive direction toward making Agawam the kind of town we (my family) wish to live in is. Sure, we're growing and admittedly faster than many of us like. But here is the key, Who are "many of us"? I suspect it is people and families just like mine who know what we want for Agawam.

I, for one, am vehemently opposed to complex development as proposed on prime residential acreage. I fully realize we do need to develop our industrial tract. I do not believe that every square inch of space needs to be developed. Are we so unimaginative that we cannot come to an agreeable use of our open areas? Why am I considered negative in response because I personally find the proposed usages both undesirable and a prospective "pig in a poke"?

I did not stay home when these hearings were held. I, also, am busy. I have little time for socializing. Obviously, when parents found their presence so important they even brought small children and rocked them as the dialogue progressed.

I further think the racetrack hearing was conducted with decorum and dignity with only minor disruption. The reference in the article to "jeering" and "cat calls" confuse me. Several of the persons doing this, and again they were minimal, were in front of me. I have never seen these persons at any ACT meeting and I have missed none.

I strongly endorse the proposed municipal airport. I know it will require taxpayer investment. How can we possibly expect to make money (tax dollars) unless we spend money (more tax dollars, of course)?

This same person suggests the racetrack is good for Agawam. Why, then, was the Junior High auditorium packed to standing room only and aisle-step seating room only?

I can only conclude that I am not alone, nor is the ACT group alone in not wanting a racetrack here in town. It has already been proven that racetracks do not carry their own weight and owners are constantly looking for "tax breaks" or "tax reductions."

Agreed we need a town complex - it is long overdue! However, when the council sees fit to build this structure (s), where does "Deeply Concerned Citizen" think 200 acres will come from? Our "proposed developments" are coming in at breakneck speed to stabilize our tax base as the proponents reiterate over and over.

I would like to see our town fathers and members of citizens' groups sit down and find a solution (s) agreeable to at least most of the Agawam residents and not just a vocal few.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Curry (Mrs. Richard J.)  
6 South West Street  
Feeding Hills

## From The Editors Desk

By Pat Guevin



We apologize for the delay in our newspaper this week. The storm that hit Feeding Hills center on Wednesday happened at a very inconvenient time - when we were putting this edition together. Please excuse any errors or inconsistencies you may find. Half of this paper was done in Agawam, and half in Holyoke. I would like to thank the Star Press in Holyoke for their cooperation and help - without them, this issue may not have been printed. Next week we will carry a special feature on the storm with many pictures of the damage caused in the Feeding Hills area. Remember - don't forget to vote in the primary on October 9 - your vote does count, and those people running for Councilor at Large will be representing you at the town Council meetings.

**to-mor-row**, n. 1. the day following today.  
2. the time for United Way agencies to offer assistance to the community. 3. the time to improve the human condition...

The United Way of Pioneer Valley



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Theroux observed that the \$4.00 cut was brought about, "through the cooperation of the administration and the town council. The end result being a benefit to the people of the community."

The knowledge that both Caputo and the Council would follow through with their promise to reduce taxes prompted a unanimous ballot to appropriate \$75,000 for re-appraisal of town properties Monday night.

The appropriation, to be taken from the town's free cash, finalized a controversy that had erupted between town and state officials. At the last Council meeting, a motion to raise the re-appraisal funds by establishing a supplementary budget was narrowly defeated by a 9-5 vote. The action defied a state mandate that said all cities and towns must conduct a re-appraisal of local properties to bring them in line with a state-wide 100 percent valuation. Had the Council created a supplementary budget instead of allocating the money from the free cash, the tax cut would have been lowered by thirty cents.

Caputo strongly opposed taking the supplementary budget route. He said, "I would not recommend as an administration to add another budget item when we can take the money from the free cash account. I don't think it's wise to chop 30 cents off the tax cut."

Added Caputo, "we promised the people in town a \$3.00 tax cut and now we have added a dollar more. This is a significant amount."



HEART PRINCESS WINS HEARTS...Sunday night, the Rollaway Saking Rink sponsored an evening of skating and fun for the benefit of the American Heart Association. Proceeds were donated to the Western Mass. Heart Association. Four year old Heidi Stevenson, Heart Fund Princess from Springfield, was in attendance. News photographer Jack Devine is this years chairman of fundraising for the Association and he extends a grateful well-done to all at the Rollaway. Pictured from left are Dave Maiolo, rink manager; Heidi; and Jack Devine.



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# SPORTS

## Leclerc, Yacteen

## Lead Brownies

# 33-13

Despite 395 yards total offense. Despite the best performance of the defense to date. Regardless of the overall domination and the final approval of the scoreboard by three touchdowns. Regardless of the picturesque Berkshire Mountains overlooking the playing surface.

Yessir. Despite all these impressive stats and equally magnificent scenery found in this cozy little North Adams town, the best way to describe Agawam's one-sided 33-13 triumph over the much-maligned Drury Blue Devils is boring, boring, boring.

Maybe it was the hapless attempt by Drury to muster any semblance of an offense during the entire 48 minutes that accounted for the Sominex effect.

Or perhaps it was John J. DelNegro Field - the Drury answer to Denver's Mile High Stadium - that created the Sleepy Hollow atmosphere. This field, appearing as though it was carved out of the side of a mountain, looked far too tranquil a setting to create the excitement that usually engulfs a Saturday afternoon on the gridiron.

It could have been the almost methodical manner in which the visiting Brownies dismantled the hosts, who at times played as though they would have rather been out on a picnic with their favorite girls.

As is becoming customary with Agawam, the "bullet man" and the "trigger man" spearheaded the local wrecking crew.

Quarterback Ricky Leclerc connected with split end Abe Yacteen on five separate occasions good for 140 yards and two touchdowns.

Leclerc's first hook-up with the Russ Francis-like Yacteen came late in the second period. Leclerc found his favorite target wide open on the Drury 20-yard line. Yacteen easily pushed a Blue Devil defender aside and skipped into the end zone to complete a 55-yard pass play. That made it 13-0 and it was academic from there.

"Yeah, I would say that if there was a turning point, it was Yacteen's catch just before the half," observed Coach Jack Michalak, who saw his charges roll up their third consecutive win. "I've seen many a team fall apart after their opponents score just before the half."

"Falling apart" is being kind to Drury. Complete collapse and throwing in the towel is a more appropriate analysis.

Agawam cracked for a pair of third-quarter touchdowns in an awesome offensive display.

A quick six down drive, ending with an 11-yard catch to paydirt by Yacteen, lifted the Brownies to a 20-0 count after receiving the second half kickoff on their own 28.

Senior linebacker Bill Blackak propelled the assault by recovering a loose football on Drury's first possession on the home 33-yard line.

Four plays later, senior Kurt Toomey secured his second six-pointer in as many weeks; this one covering five yards.

With the Blue Devils reeling from the numbness, senior Dan Beaudette, back after a bout with food poisoning last week, snatched his first of two interceptions on the Drury 26. But the Brownies coughed up the ball on a fumble, forced a punt (Drury punted 7 times during the game), saw Ricky Leclerc toss an interception, only to have Beaudette return the favor on the Agawam 20.

From there, the Brownies began a bone-crunching 12 play march to the flag. The drive, which began late in the third stanza and continued into the fourth, climaxed on a David Stuart dive from 3 yards out. Agawam held the ball for over six and a half minutes. For Stuart, just a junior, it was his first varsity score.

The Blue Devils prevented a complete whitewash when their much abused signal-caller, Steve Pilot, hurlled a 22-yard TD strike to Todd Andrews late in the final

period. It came after the second team offense had fumbled on Agawam's 27. The second stringers of defense, by the way, were the victim's of Drury's initial tally.

A blocked Abe Yacteen punt with seconds remaining gave the Blue Devils a second gift. The ball was plunged into the end zone from six yards out. From the stands, it appeared as though the Drury defenders were well off-side - but no call.

"It was a very close play as the films indicated. But we should have never let them in there like that," Michalak lamented.

For the record, Drury managed just 58 yards total offense against the improving Agawam defensive unit.

"There is no question about it; our interior linemen played their best game of the season," praised the second-year caretaker.

Beaudette earned defensive player of the game honors due to his two thefts, both of which led to townee touchdowns.

Leclerc completed 7 of 12 for 162 yards. He added 50 yards on the ground, with the biggest chunk coming on a 34-yard gallop during the second period. The Agawam Booster Club, in conjunction with the coaches, honored the senior QB with the game's offensive award.

Fullback Joe Pezzamenti bulled for 58 yards on 9 carries, including the Brownies first touchdown during the second period activity. Pezz lugged the ball 5 times on that 10 play scoring march.

Beaudette headed all ballcarriers with 64 yards on 5 attempts followed by Toomey's 40 yards on 9 carries. The ground assault totalled 233 yards, which is a seasonal low, however.

"I thought our offensive line played their worst game in two years," declared Michalak after viewing the game films. "The backs did most of it on their own."

The Brownies face their first big test when they square off against a very physical Chicopee Pacer team Friday night at Szot Park.

Remarked the Agawam mentor about Bill Moge's team, "They play a very tough physical game and will run the ball right at us. They try to out-hit and wear down their opposition. It will be a good way to find out how good and how tough we really are," he added after agreeing that Agawam's competition thus far deserves a mediocre label at best.

Chicopee stands 2-0 and will be coming off a most impressive victory over a pretty good Eastern Mass. squad, New Bedford.

## Agawam Soccer Association Standings

### GIRLS 6-8 DIVISION

Piccoli's Tornados	4-0-1 (9 pts.)
Willard's Red Sox	3-0-2 (8 pts.)
Phaneuf's Bananas	1-3-1 (3 pts.)
Auchy's Raiders	1-3-0 (2 pts.)
Whittaker's Demons	0-3-0 (0 pts.)

### GIRLS 9-14 DIVISION

Tallon's Hot Stuff	6-0-0 (12 pts.)
Myrna's Raiders	4-2-0 (8 pts.)
Waryasz's Cosmos	4-2-0 (8 pts.)
Mickey's Roadrunners	2-4-0 (4 pts.)
Woodruff's Ramblers	1-5-0 (2 pts.)
Vacirca's Green Machine	1-5-0 (2 pts.)

### BOYS 6-8 DIVISION

Gravel's Teamen	4-0-0 (8 pts.)
Drapeau's Aztecs	3-1-0 (6 pts.)
DiLullo's Cosmos	3-1-0 (6 pts.)
Rose's Sounders	2-1-1 (5 pts.)
DeBonis' Atoms	2-1-1 (5 pts.)
Cosgrove's Rowdies	2-2-0 (4 pts.)
DiMascola's Tornados	2-2-0 (4 pts.)
Emery's Headers	1-3-0 (2 pts.)
Pinney's Roadrunners	0-4-0 (0 pts.)
Nickerson's Express	0-4-0 (0 pts.)

### BOYS 9-11 DIVISION

Geiger's Diplomats	7-0-0 (14 pts.)
McCarthy's Rowdies	6-0-0 (12 pts.)
Noll's Strikers	4-0-3 (11 pts.)
Lathrop's Roughnecks	5-1-0 (10 pts.)
Sullivan's Cosmos	3-3-0 (6 pts.)
Sanderson's Tornados	2-3-1 (5 pts.)
Mallious' Sounders	2-4-1 (5 pts.)
Koslowski's Express	1-3-2 (4 pts.)
Fuller's Headers	1-6-0 (2 pts.)
Mickey's Roadrunners	0-5-1 (1 pt.)
Poole's "Up-1"	0-6-0 (0 pts.)

### BOYS 12-14 DIVISION

Fairlie's Orange Crush	5-0-2 (12 pts.)
Hollinger's Rowdies	4-1-2 (10 pts.)
Frogameni's Roughnecks	3-4-0 (6 pts.)
Horne's Diplomats	0-7-0 (0 pts.)

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Two Agawam skaters will have responsible roles in the fortunes of the 1979-80 Springfield Olympics hockey team.

Back for his third campaign with the 'Pics is Steve Castelli, who scored 24 goals last season. He is one of six returning players from the '78-'79 squad. New Coach Chuck Michonski is counting on Castelli to use his speed and experience to obtain even higher figures this season.

Meanwhile, Ron Dutton is the leading candidate to become the 'Pics number one goaltender. Dutton, an All-Western Mass. netminder at Agawam High, just missed making the team last October.

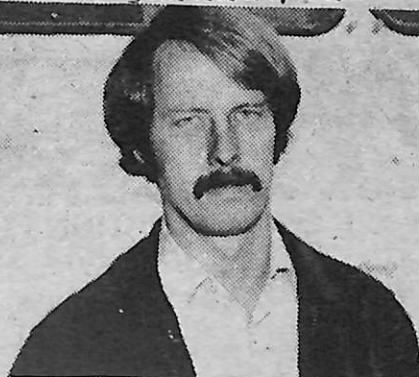
The 'Pics open their home slate on Sunday afternoon at 2:45 with the New England Junior Hockey League's newest entry from Oyster Bay, New York. The home opener is one of 21 Sunday afternoon contests to be played at the Olympia ice rink in West Springfield.

Ticket prices for the games are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 14 and under.

Springfield starts on the road Friday night against the Tyngsboro Huskies.

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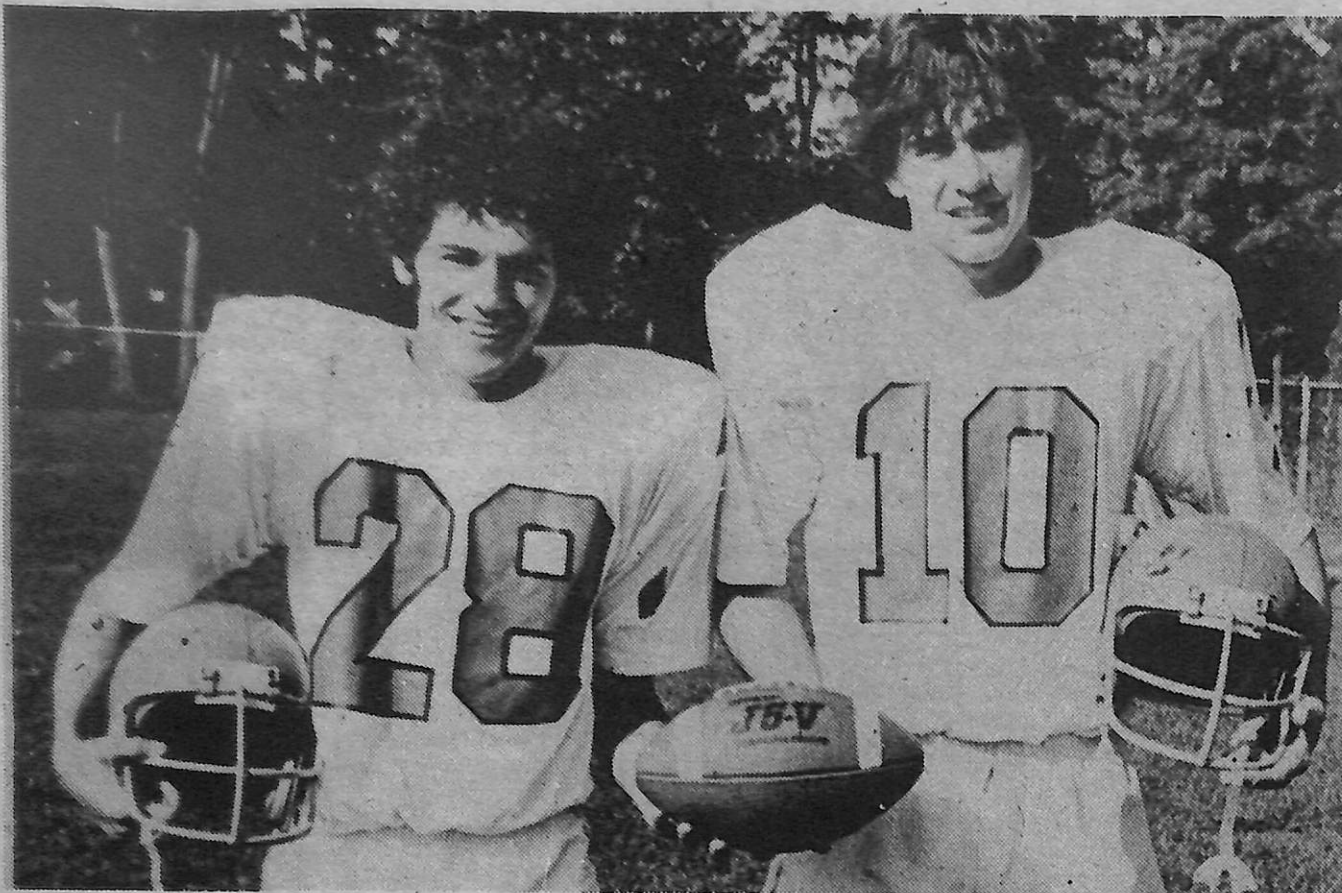
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Winners of the "Best Offensive" and "Best Defensive" players for the Agawam Brownies during their recent game with Drury are Danny Beaudette, Left, Defense; and Ric Leclerc, Offense. Gove Realty sponsored this week's prize of a pair of tickets to the Showcase Cinemas. Outstanding players are selected by the coaches and the Booster Club. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

### Commentary...

## And Now, Agawam's Real Season Begins

Okay, folks. It's time to return from the clouds. Plans for the ticker-tape parade down Main Street must be shoveled aside for now. Dreams of the undefeated, of that delicious Thanksgiving turkey, are best left in your grocer's freezer for now.

Yup...it's time for the real high school football campaign to get underway for Jack Michalak's Brownies.

Oh, sure, the locals are sitting pretty at 3-0. They have bludgeoned three consecutive opponents the last three weekends. And, yes, Agawam could have tallied 45-50 points in any of their recent outings.

In fact, the Brownies have been casually walking down Easy Street with Boardwalk and Park Place tucked neatly in their back pockets. Minnechaug, Taconic, and Drury were mismatched, overmatched, and just reeling in bankruptcy against the high-rolling townies.

But the pre-season camp has concluded. Yes, that's what the three independent victories were - a chance for the high-powered attack to flex its muscles and provide an untested defense with badly needed experience.

The competition was equal to a sparring partner against vintage Mohammed Ali...simply preparation for the big one.

Friday night under the autumn stars at Szot Park, Agawam encounters a tough and established kid on the block, Bill Moge's Chicopee Pacers.

This midiron corps may not be one of Moge's best, maybe not even near what he has fielded in the past. Yet they are cast out of the same mold: a punishing ground game that grinds it out for every tough yard, every tough inch.

Their defense, not big, not overly talented, but filled with heart and muscle. Michalak said some of the Pacers resemble miniature Samuri wrestlers - human bowling balls.

The Friday night matchup is a classic one. The upstart and talent-laden with a big reputation pitted against a team that resembled a mean junkyard dog when they physically destroyed New Bedford. It pits Michalak, once a pupil of Moge's school of knowledge, against the wily ancient mariner, the teacher.

While Michalak tagged the New Bedford guests as a better team than the Pacers, he said Moge's crew beat and spit them up. The next day, Agawam pounced a batch of cream puffs in North Adams.

This is certainly not to take away anything from what the locals have accomplished thus far. The offense, spearheaded by signal caller Ricky Leclerc, a cast of explosive running backs, and an equally explosive split end, have wreaked chaos in the lives of opposing defenders.

Averaging 27 points and nearly 400 yards total offense per effort is nothing to scoff at. The offensive wall is moving people out with authority, although against Drury last week, it played only fair.

Still, the line's performance was enough to allow Leclerc and backs Beaudette, Toomey, Pezzamenti, and Stuart generous real estate to work with.

The defense is continuing its bend but never break policy, established in 1978. Not one of the independent foes have moved the pigskin with any type of regularity. Michalak says the interior linemen played their best game to date. The group stung Drury with five sacks and clamped the Blue Devils to a chilling 58 net yards.

The relative ease Agawam has clobbered their opponents with in the last three weeks cannot be measured entirely by outstanding play. The lackluster and mediocrity instilled in each weekend foe should keep the overconfidence and even - dare it be said? - cockiness buried in a smelly locker that no one uses anymore.

Michalak expressed his concern about this subject while watching his charges go through their mid-week preparation. He agreed that the coaching staff should have a better reading on the squad's pulse rate about 10 p.m. Friday night.

Offered Michalak, "We played our first three games taking them one at a time and not worrying about what the league's other teams were doing. But I'm still not sure how good we are yet. Not one team we have played so far has a win," he said in reference to Minnechaug's, Taconic's, and Drury's combined record of 0-8.

There is little doubt that Agawam is good. Pre-season expectations that ran very high for the school's weekend warriors continue to trail them wherever they perform. Before the season kicked-off, Michalak commented that he believed Agawam could beat anyone on its schedule, but in a same breath, he predicted that any enemy school could return the favor.

Judging from those first three warmups, that rings a hollow tune.

## Agawam Soccer Team Loses Two

By Charles Duclos

On September 25, Longmeadow High School's varsity soccer team overwhelmed Agawam with their spectacular play by downing the Brownies 5-0.

With our team's most effective effort and some good defensive play by Bart McCarthy, Tony Cortese, Jim Bodurtha, and Tom Sipitowski, Coach Paul Blodgett's forces were no match for the Lancers from across the river. Substituting in waves of four and five players at a time, the Lancers continuously pressured Agawam from start to finish.

On September 28, rebounding from a devastating defeat at the hands of Longmeadow, Agawam's boys' soccer varsity travelled to the Paper City only to be handed another setback in their quest for a better standing in the league.

Holyoke's Knights slid one past the Brownies' goalie Dave Gilbert, who played his heart out, as he usually does, at his position. This tally came in the second period.

Agawam played tough through the first three periods, but Holyoke managed to wear the Brownies down in the fourth by breaking through their defense and putting two more marks on the board.

Carmen Romeo should not go unnoticed this week as he came up from the JV's and played a good game. His thirty-yard shot narrowly missed the mark, but his contribution to the overall play should make him one to watch in the future.

Jeff Duclos, Steve Tetreault, and George Russell are good steady players. It was Holyoke 3, Agawam 0.

The real testing ground, competition, in the oh-so-balanced AA Conference, is where Michalak's observation takes effect.

Chicopee was just about written off when soothsayers and those possessing the crystal balls were picking the top dogs in Conference AA. But somehow one cannot quite accept that Moge or his squad will roll over and play dead; perhaps playing possum is a better description.

Nonetheless, the Brownies remain the favorites over the 2-0 Pacers. And it's been eons since an Agawam club has taken a Chicopee club two years running.

If the Brownies walk off the field after a full 48 minutes of action and can look to the scoreboard with glee, then the road to the league gold has begun.

And it's just the first in a long series of obstacles and booby traps that await them for the next 7 weeks.

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# Agawam Girls Soccer Win One, Lose One

The Agawam girls had an outstanding week in soccer. The high school girls played two games last week, and the first was against Ludlow High, in which the girls were defeated, but played hard and strong.

In the first quarter of the game, Agawam and Ludlow were fighting for that first goal. Ludlow won the battle when they scored in the last few minutes of the quarter.

In the second quarter, Agawam got their first goal by Tami Fassnacht with an assist from Elaina Granger. The second and third goals were made by sophomore inner Kelly Lizewski and senior forward Kathy Chase. In the final quarter, Lori Woodruff made Agawam's last

goal, leaving the girls with a depressing 6-3 loss.

The game Agawam played against Commerce was truly a victory well-deserved. The girls came out of their slump from Ludlow to massacre the Commerce team. All the girls played an excellent game and should be commended for their performance.

In the first quarter, Kathy Chase started the scoring with an assist from sophomore Tami Fassnacht. The second goal was made single-handedly by senior Elaina Granger and the third by Kelly Lizewski.

During the second quarter, Kelly Lizewski con-

tributed her fourth goal in Agawam's favor. The sixth goal was made by senior Lori Woodruff.

In the third quarter, Agawam's Kathy Chase and Elaina Granger invaded the Commerce goal once again, making the score 8-0. That wasn't it, though. In the final quarter, sophomore Peggy Foley knocked the ball into the goal with a little help from her fellow teammate Johanne Dobek. The final tally of the Agawam-Commerce game was 9-0.

Our games aren't always this wide-read, but they are exciting. Thanks to all of you supportive fans who come out to cheer us on. Keep up the devoted dedication.



## Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

Public response to the Department of Environmental Management's popular Cut-A-Cord program, allowing state residents to cut one cord of marked wood on state forest land, has been so overwhelming that numbers of people have been turned away, according to Comm. Richard E. Rendall. If you are planning to cut wood, it is advisable to wait a few weekends before applying for a permit. The pressure will have lessened by then.

The limited number of permits in each area is geared to the easy roadside accessibility of wood for program participants as well as insuring that supplies of marked wood last through the 10-week program. In addition, a limited number of fuelwood cutters allows for safe supervision by state personnel while cutting is taking place.

The 5,000 cords of wood that have been marked for this year's program are part of needed timber stand improvements; removing these trees that are dead, dying, diseased or of poor quality and interfere with the growth of prospective timber trees.

The program will run until November 18th. Cutting will be allowed on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays by Massachusetts state residents only throughout the 10-week period. Permits are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. There will be no cutting on Thanksgiving. For further information, you can call the following number 617-727-3184.

### SPECIAL BOW AND ARROW

New Hampshire's special archery season for deer opened October 1st. Hunters may take deer by use of bow and arrow from that date through November 8 in the Northern Deer Management Zone and through November 19 in the rest of the state.

To hunt during the special season, non-resident archers must purchase a license for \$21. You do not need a regular hunting license to qualify for the special license.

Last year, 416 non-resident licenses were sold.

Persons hunting with bow and arrow are subject to the same laws pertaining to tagging, transportation, and registration of deer as those hunting with firearms. A bow used to hunt deer must pull at least forty pounds and no mechanically drawn or released bow may be used. Deer may not be taken by a strung bow in a motor vehicle. Arrows must have the bowman's name and address plainly printed on them, and only broadhead arrows no less than seven-eighths inch nor more than one and one-half inch are permitted.

Archers may legally kill one deer under the special bow and arrow license and may also take one deer with firearms during the regular deer season.

In years past, it used to be delightful to take a trip in the evening and when dark fell, to spot the deer in the fields. This practice is verboten from now on.

The purpose of the new law according to Capt. Henry Mock, assistant chief of law enforcement of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, is to prevent people from locating wildlife at night while they are feeding in open areas and then hunting these same areas in the daylight.

This new law brings New Hampshire into conformity with the neighboring states of Maine and Vermont that both have similar statutes.

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# Welcome To My World

by Charles Duclos

*A.A.A. News And Views  
Jerry Down But Not Out*

Jerry Mason, overseer of the Agawam Athletic Association, will be out of action for a period of time as he has entered the hospital in an attempt to correct a chronic eye problem which has been plaguing him for a while. We know that all wish him well and hope for a speedy recovery so that his familiar figure will soon be the focal point of the many games and events that he attends and coordinates so well.

## Defensive Coach Spotligted

Coach Bill O'Brien, whose 13-14 girls' soccer team is having a spectacular season, had special praise for his assistant and defensive coach Shari Baldarelli this week. Bill pointed out to this writer that Shari's defensive forces had allowed no points to be scored against them; however, the string was broken when Springfield's Holy Cross slipped one in during their game at the Middle School on Sunday. Nevertheless, it is a notable achievement that the girls in their first three jousts had not been scored upon. "Much credit must go to Shari," says O'Brien.

## Agawam Zaps Ludlow

The AAA's girls' 13-14 soccer team, playing in the Pioneer Valley League, handily defeated their Ludlow counterparts by a score of 5-0. Coach O'Brien reported that Pam Rowen totally dominated Ludlow in her handling of the ball and all-around playing ability. Setting up plays and super defensive action were her strong points, according to O'Brien.

"LeeAnn Sandlin turned in a solid performance," says her coach.

## Thanks, Mr. & Mrs. Agawam and All the Ships at Sea

The Agawam High School Varsity Parents' Soccer Association wishes to express their thanks to all who participated in making the scholarship fund a little better off financially by having their cars washed or by buying some delicacy at the bake sale booth. With ever-threatening clouds hovering overhead, the event was a successful one, and the association is most grateful.

The parents' group wishes to thank especially the following merchants for allowing posters in their places of business: Dairy Marts at the locations in Agawam, Zayre, Food Mart, Cumberland Farms, Big Y, Carmel Corner, Jane Alden, Building 451, and Gino's Liquor.

Lee Harvey's artistic work, which was posted throughout the town, as well as being used at the car wash, was most effective in making the event highly publicized and successful.

## O'Brien's Gals Drop Holy Cross

Holy Cross of Springfield drew first blood on a fluke play during the action between their team and Coach Bill O'Brien's 13-14 girls' soccer team. Lena Koslowski, who rarely lets anything go by her, allowed one to pass by in the first quarter, but mustered her expertise at her position to ward off all other attempts by the opposition.

Assisted by Julie Miodowski, Jennifer O'Brien boomed one through the uprights from an in-close shot just off center of the goal. Diane Goodman frosted the win for O'Brien by netting one past the goalie to give Agawam a 2-1 victory.

## Tea Time

As a means of raising funds for the November trip to the East Coast Soccer Tournament in Virginia, the mothers of O'Brien's girls' team will be selling coffee, doughnuts, tea, hot chocolate, etc. each Saturday and Sunday at the Middle School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the soccer season.



At the recent awards banquet sponsored by the Agawam Athletic Association, trophies were presented to the sponsors of the championship baseball and softball teams for the 1979 season. Pictured above, from left, are: Vincent Joseph, Park Auto Driving School, 13-15 Boys Baseball; Edward Borgatti, Present Agawam Police Association, 10-12 Boys Baseball; Peter Caputo, who sponsored his own team, 8-10 boys baseball; Patricia Guevin, Editor Agawam Advertiser/News, who was given an award for the newspapers support of youth athletics in Agawam; Iris Copson, President of the Agawam Jayettes, 8-10 Girls Softball; John O'Brien, Toomey O'Brien Funeral Home, 10-11 Girls Softball; and John Hanjack, Agawam Finest Cleaners, 12-13 Girls Softball. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

A Monte Carlo night will be held on Friday, November 16, as another fundraising project to be conducted by the AAA to help defray the travel expenses of the squad. More info on this in the future.

## Champions' Awards Night

On Sunday evening, September 30, the Agawam Athletic Association conducted its 23rd Champions' Awards Night at the Junior High School. Master of Ceremonies for the event was the 3A's executive vice president William O'Brien. The head table guests included AAA President Gerald Mason, Vice President Robert Hersey, Secretary Phyllis Mason, and AAA Chaplain Rev. Frank Dunn.

Coaches honored were Bernie Petrone, Fred Uschmann, Fran Milliken, Bob Slamon, Al Spaulding, Frank Vacirca, and Judi Gregory.

Commissioners Rodney Richardson, Jackie Slamon, and baseball coordinator Judy Tetreault were also seated at the head table, as were sponsors of the championship teams - Peter Caputo, Iris Copson, John O'Brien, John Hanjack, Edward Borgatti, and Victor Joseph.

Mrs. Patricia Guevin, editor of the Agawam Advertiser/News, also was present and given a special award for her newspaper's outstanding efforts at making the community aware of the various AAA-sponsored athletic events.

Rev. Frank Dunn, acting on behalf of the Valley Community Church, had high praise for the AAA's president, Jerry Mason, and the association's outstanding contribution to the youth of Agawam. Rev. Dunn's congregation, long supporters of this organization, made a financial donation to the association to help defray some of the expenses which will be incurred when Coach Bill O'Brien takes his 13-14 soccer team to the East Coast Tournament next month.

The evening was a tremendous success; the presentations, speakers, the young people, and of course, those who worked quietly and efficiently in the kitchen, served such an outstanding meal, and should not go unnoticed. They were Ray and Shirley Saracino, Jim and Debbie Marmo, Dave Lyne, Ed Connor, Rosemary Sandlin, Ernie Tetreault, Mynetta Hanjack, and Donna Marmo.

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Polish language classes are being offered by Holy Mother of the Rosary Polish National Catholic Church in the school auditorium at 26 Bell Street, Chicopee. Classes begin Thursday, October 4th, and continue until Thursday, December 14th. There will be no classes on November 22, Thanksgiving Day. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Offered this semester are beginning, intermediate, and advanced Polish for children, teens, and adults. For more information or to register, please phone the parish rectory 592-2032 or be present the first night of class. The public is cordially invited to participate in this annual program which also features a spring semester of study.

A Tag Plus Food And Baked Goods Sale sponsored by the Queen Hedwig Society of the church will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 5th and 6th, at the church at 26 Bell Street, Chicopee from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. A snack bar will also be featured, and everyone is cordially invited, rain or shine.

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# Jr. High Football Team Whips West Side 14-6

(ed. note: We at the Advertiser/News wish to express our thanks to the coaching staff of the Jr. High football team for supplying this article on their game.)

On Friday, September 28, the Agawam Junior High football team defeated West Side 14-6 in West Springfield.

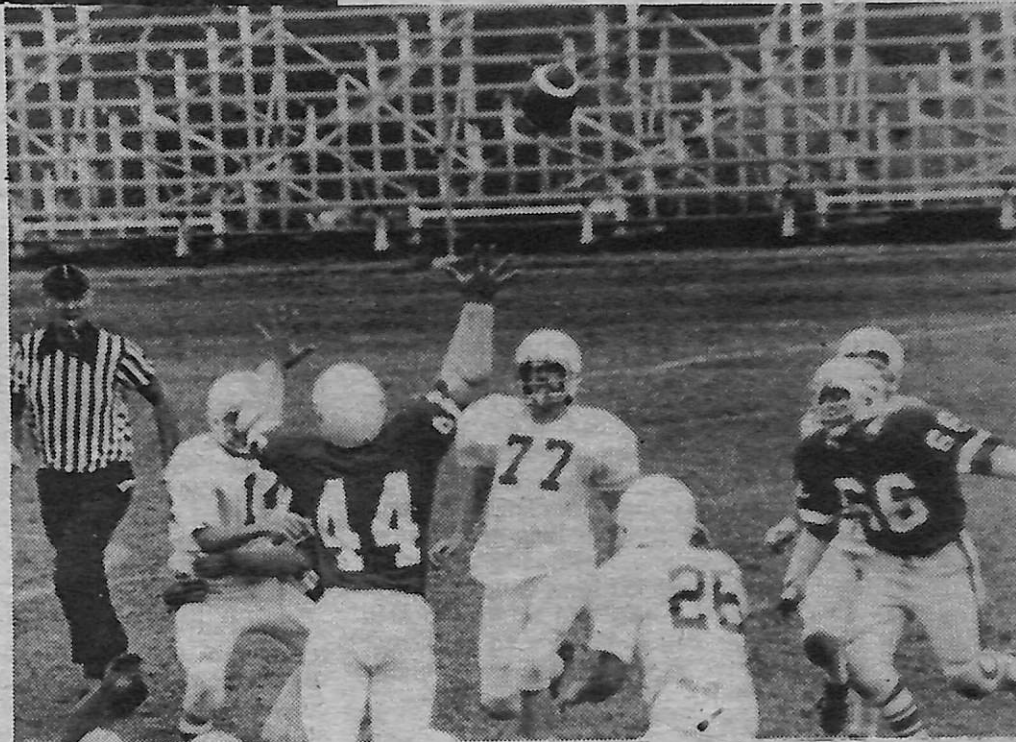
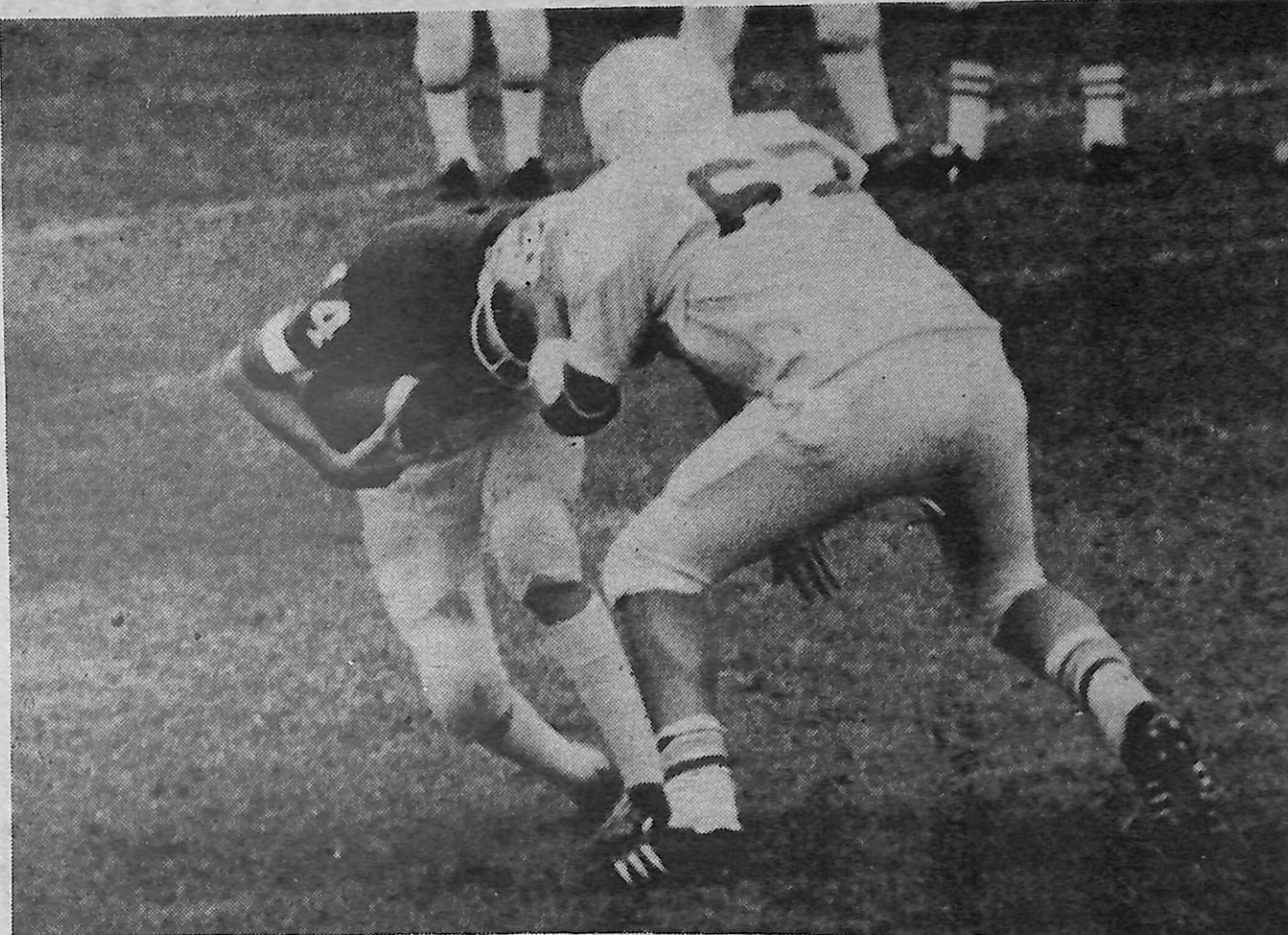
Churning out yardage on the ground, the Warriors controlled the ball for most of the game. Behind the aggressive, fire-out blocking of the offensive line - center, Doug May; guards, Mark Longhi and Joe Bonfitto; tackles, Joe Graveline and Steve Grassetto; and tight end Clark Dore - Agawam running backs gained big yardage through the middle and around end.

Early in the second quarter, Mike Beaudette took a perfect pitch from quarterback Steve Young and scampered 26 yards around end for a first down and goal to go on the West Side 8-yard line. Then power halfback Al Feeney blasted straight ahead into the end zone for his first touchdown of the season. Behind strong blocking, Steve Young successfully rushed for the P.A.T. to make the score 8-0.

Throughout the first half, the Warriors' defense completely dominated the Terriers' offense, allowing only one first down. The entire defensive unit played a tough, hard-hitting, relentless game, not permitting West Side to establish any momentum.

Consistently throwing the Terrier backs for losses were tackles Clark Dore and Joe Bonfitto; guards Shawn Simpson, Joe Graveline, and Mark Goodwin; ends Steve DePalma and Mike St. Germaine; and linebackers Al Feeney and Steve Grassetto.

St. Germaine served as defensive captain and recovered a key West Springfield fumble to set up a touchdown. Grassetto recovered another crucial fumble on West Side's last possession of the game and allowed the Warriors to run out the clock.



Recent action at an Agawam Jr. High Football Game photos by Jack Devine Advertiser/News photos by Jack Devine

After receiving the second half kick-off from Jeff Vandergriff, West Side marched down the field in their only substantial drive of the game. They came out throwing and before Agawam's defense could adjust to the short passing game, the Terriers scored their touchdown making the score 8-6. The attempt at the P.A.T. was smothered by the Warriors' defense.

During Agawam's next possession, the talented Agawam secondary - Cornerbacks Leo Chenevert, Dave Houlihan, and Frank Rondoletto and safeties Mike Beaudette and Shawn Uschmann - analyzed and adjusted to West Side's passing strategy. They successfully shut them out for the remainder of the game.

Shawn Uschmann's key interception late in the fourth quarter thwarted West Springfield's last real scoring chance.

Ahead by only two points, Agawam's offense took over midway through the third quarter to re-establish ball control. Once again, a sweep by Beaudette, who earlier had caught a 30-yard pass, set up a Warriors score.

Offensive captain Al Feeney slashed through left tackle to score his second touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Power halfback Dave Houlihan added plenty of yardage of his own while halfback Leo Chenevert and quarterback Steve Young complemented Beaudette's outside running with some excellent gain of their own.

Most of the outside plays were set up by the wide receivers, of which Agawam has a talented group including Jeff Vandergriff, Mike Govoni, Rod Bush, Shawn Uschmann, and Kevin O'Keefe. The degree of success of the Warriors' ball control offense is reflected by the statistic that Agawam did not punt once in the game.

On special teams, especially kick-offs, are eighth graders Rich Witek, Gary Gingras, and Tony Grassi deserve credit for their excellent work preventing West Side from getting good field position. Grassi, one of the squad's smaller members, made an unassisted tackle on a kick-off, one-on-one in the open field.

This Friday, October 5th, the Jr. High football team host AA opponent Chicopee at the Jr. High field. Game time is 3:15 p.m.

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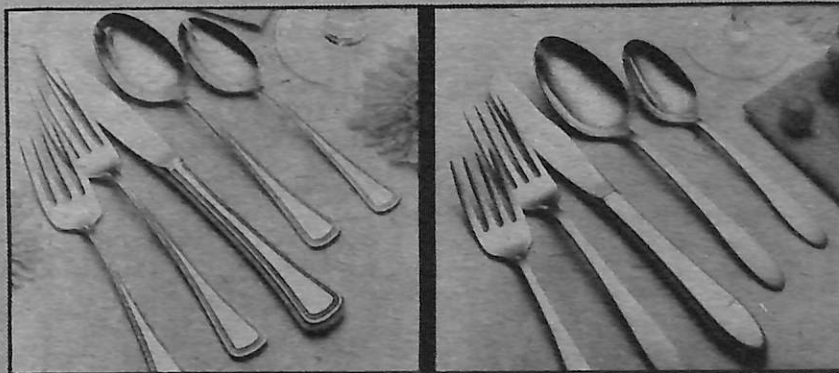
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